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Second Business Development Expo Planned

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Area residents interested in starting, developing or expanding a small business have another shot at free business advice and resources on Wednesday, January 9 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the WSU Metroplex, 29th St. N. and Oliver. The Expo is coordinated by the Wichita Small Business Education Consortium and sponsored by Sedgwick County.

The January Business Development Expo will feature more than 20 local agencies who provide business support and services, including Small Business Administration (SBA) lenders with information about financing and loans.

One local business that has had success, even through the recent downturn in the economy, is eoVision, a website, graphic design and multi-media company. Using Micro-Loan funds from Sedgwick County and the South Central Kansas Economic Development District, eoVision was able to get their business off the ground about three years ago. Partner Paul Wells says that the Micro-Loan enabled them to run their business like a business should be run – unlike so many of the now-failed e-commerce businesses.

"Pulling together a wide variety of resources is an important way to provide assistance to the undiscovered entrepreneurs in our community," said Sedgwick County Commission Chair Carolyn McGinn. "Anyone who is considering a new or expanded business should plan to participate in the Expo."

The first Expo was held in December, a third Expo event is being planned for mid-March. For more information, contact the Kansas Small Business Development Center at (316) 978-3193.

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